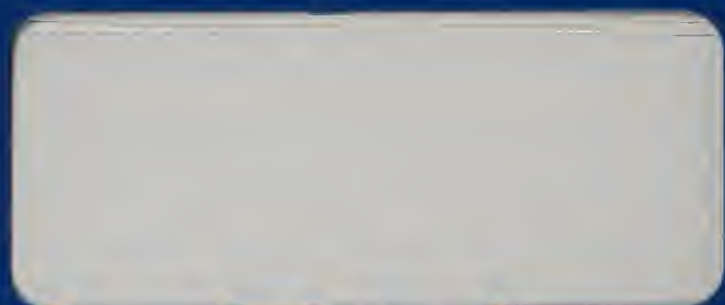


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## Preface

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At the utterance of the words *sine die*, legislators, legislative staff, and the people of Montana all breathe a collective sigh, grateful that the hectic pace of the session has eased for a couple years, and grateful for the sudden abundance of time, a rare commodity during the session. And for many, *sine die* is Latin for “vacation”. But for Montana’s citizen biennial legislature, the vacation is short-lived. Being a Montana legislator is decidedly not a 90-day-every-two-years job. Significant work is done and important policy decisions are made during the interim between legislative sessions.

Legislators serve on a number of interim committees, commissions, and task forces, some of which are statutorily mandated, while others are formed in response to pressing issues and problems facing the state.

This directory outlines legislative membership and staff support for the full array of interim activities in which the Legislature has a major role. While every attempt is made to publish as complete and accurate a reference document as possible, the interim has historically been and remains a dynamic period. Committees may organize or change membership following publication, and a few appointments are yet to be made.

Because of the changes we anticipate, we are trying a new format for the directory. Not only will it be available and updated periodically on the Internet, but the loose-leaf format will enable users to replace sheets when changes occur. Replacement sheets will be added to copies of the directory in the Legislative Services Division and will be available in Room 138 of the Capitol. In addition, any changes will be noted in the Legislative Services Division’s monthly newsletter, *The Interim*.

We hope users of this directory will find it a useful tool in facilitating active participation in the interim committee process.

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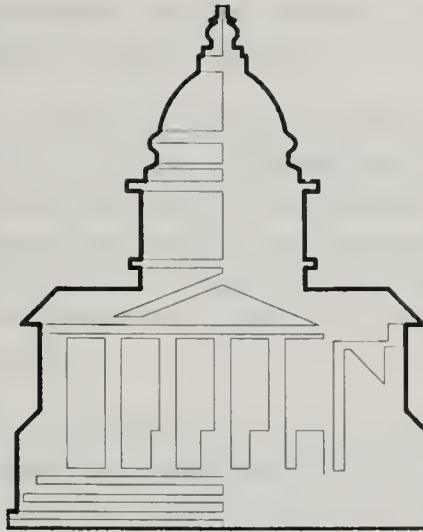
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The Legislative Council is composed of six Senators and six Representatives, including the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and both minority leaders. The other eight members are selected by the Committee on

Committees and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

The Legislative Council generally oversees the activities of the Legislative Services Division (LSD) and supervises publication of Montana's statutes by a Code Commissioner assigned to the LSD staff. The Montana Code Annotated (MCA), as recodified and published by the Code Commissioner, was adopted as prima facie the law of Montana by Chapter 1, Laws of 1979. If a problem needing immediate attention arises during the interim, the Legislative Council may assign study of the problem to an appropriate committee. Chapter 1, Laws of 1987, allows the Council to assign such a study to either a joint interim subcommittee or an appropriate statutory committee.

Chapter 545, Laws of 1995, requires the Council to review and adopt personnel and administrative policies for the Legislative Branch and assign responsibility for administration of those policies. Adopted policies must be concurred in by the Legislative Finance and Audit Committees.

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The Central Services Office includes staff responsible for purchasing, publication distribution, payroll and personnel matters, secretarial support, final preparation of LSD documents (including engrossing and enrolling of bills and preparation of introduced bills), legislative printing and distribution, and legislator information and telecommunications.

The Office of Research and Policy Analysis and the Legal Services Office both perform general and specialized research, reference, and information functions. During legislative sessions and in the interim, personnel from both offices provide professional staff support to session and interim committees, draft legislation, prepare research reports, and provide information on the legislature to the public.

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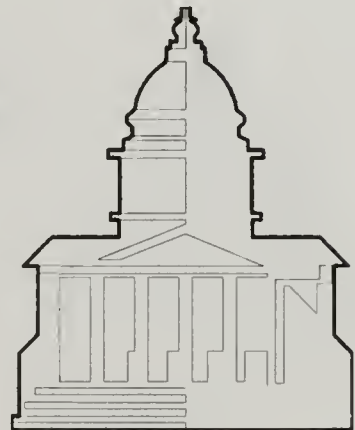
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Environmental Analyst who heads the Legislative Environmental Policy Office (LEPO). LEPO is under the general administration of the Legislative Services Division and provides staff support to EQC.

In general, the EQC reviews and appraises state programs and activities related to the environment to ensure compliance with the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), located in Title 75, chapter 1, MCA. The EQC is also statutorily responsible for oversight of the state's natural resource management agencies to assist in and ensure their compliance with MEPA and other natural resource and environmental laws.

The EQC functions in a bipartisan manner and seeks to build consensus among its membership prior to making policy recommendations to the Legislature.

The LEPO staff provides impartial, nonpolitical environmental and natural resource information to the EQC, the Legislature and the public. Staff duties include researching and writing reports, organizing and monitoring public meetings and hearings, drafting proposed legislation, and conducting studies assigned by the Legislature. Before and during the legislative session, LEPO staff members draft natural resource-related legislation and serve as committee researchers to the House and Senate Natural



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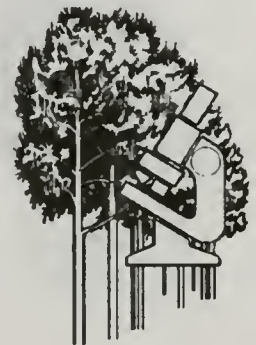
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Resources Committees. A study of waste tire disposal (SB 332) is the only study assigned to LEPO by the 1997 Legislature. However, the Council is statutorily responsible for a number of additional oversight and study issues. These include: implementation of the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) and oversight of state agency compliance with MEPA; maintenance of accurate environmental indicator data; suggestion of legislation to remedy problems in agency compliance with MEPA; water policy legislative oversight, including groundwater and stream access issues; enforcement and compliance follow-up, specifically overseeing and reviewing state agency environmental and natural resource enforcement policies, use and balance of enforcement tools, record keeping, prevention programs and risk of violation, staffing, and primacy issues; energy development and conservation oversight, which, this interim, will include the monitoring of the electric and natural gas industry deregulation.

This interim, the EQC has also asked LEPO staff to conduct a Montana growth issues planning study, involving family farms, subdivisions, and open space.

The EQC meets about 12 times each interim.





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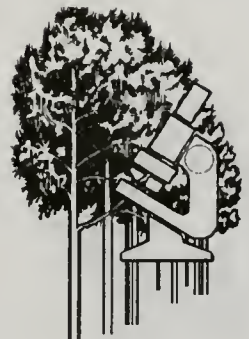
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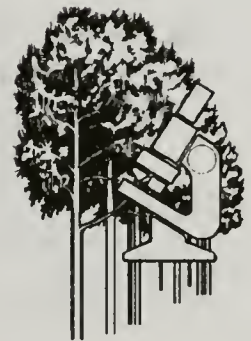
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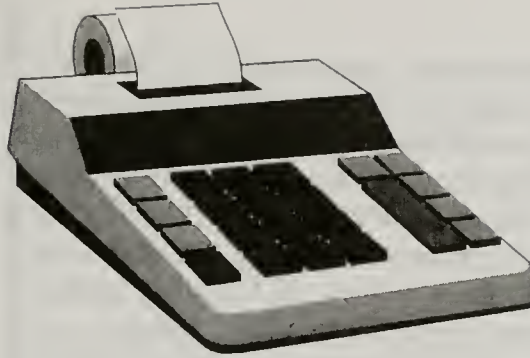
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The Audit Committee appoints the Legislative Auditor who heads the Audit Division (LAD). In general, LAD staff monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of state agencies and audit agencies' financial affairs. The LAD also conducts electronic data processing audits to determine the effectiveness of the state's computer resources.

Specifically, an audit of a state agency is conducted to determine whether: the agency is efficiently carrying out the activities and programs authorized by the Legislature; the agency is properly managing expenditures, using funds only in the furtherance of authorized activities and in accordance with the requirements of applicable laws and regulations; the agency is properly accounting for all revenues and receipts arising from its activities; the agency is adequately safeguarding and controlling its assets and using them efficiently; and the agency is accurately reporting and fully disclosing its financial status and the scope of its activities and operations to the Governor, the Legislature, and central control agencies.

Chapter 20, Special Laws of November 1993, created a toll-free hotline to the LAD which Montana residents may use in reporting fraud, waste, and abuse in state government.



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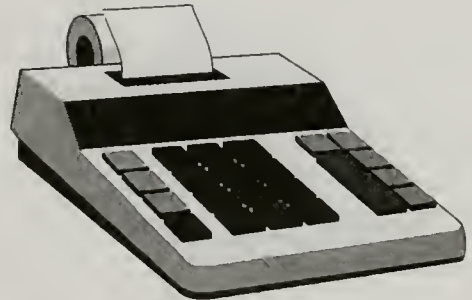
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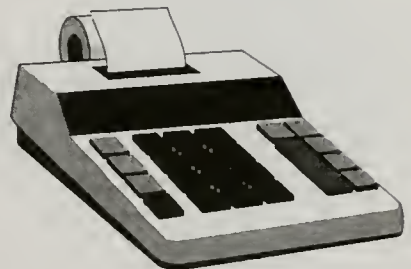




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LFD staff provide research and fiscal analysis support to interim committees that address state agency funding or budgeting.

The LFC oversees the activities of the Fiscal Analyst and LFD staff and consists of four members of the Senate Finance and Claims Committee appointed by that committee's chairman, two members of the Senate appointed at large by the Committee on Committees, four members of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee appointed by that committee's chairman, and two members of the House appointed at large by the Speaker.

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Statutory Citation: Title 5,  
chapter 18, MCA

Six Senators and six Representative serve on the Revenue Oversight Committee (ROC). The Senate Committee on Committees appoints the Senate members in consultation with the Chairman of the Senate Taxation Committee and the Senate Minority Leader, and the Speaker of the House

appoints the Representatives in consultation with the House Taxation Committee Chairman and the House Minority Leader.

The Committee meets about 10 times during the interim and is statutorily charged with reviewing Department of Revenue administrative rules, exercising general legislative and administrative oversight of the Department, addressing and investigating taxation matters, and estimating the amount of revenue projected to be available for legislative appropriation.

Chapter 40, Laws of 1993, abolished the Coal Tax Oversight Subcommittee of the Revenue Oversight Committee and assigned ROC the duties of reviewing and reporting on programs financed by coal severance tax funds. ROC is also authorized to study any issues surrounding coal taxation in Montana.

Impending restructuring of electric and natural gas utilities, resulting from the passage of Senate Bills 390 and 396, will have marked impacts on property taxation in the state. During the 1997-98 interim, in addition to its statutory duties, ROC will be studying and reporting on the tax implications of deregulating the electric and natural gas utility industries.



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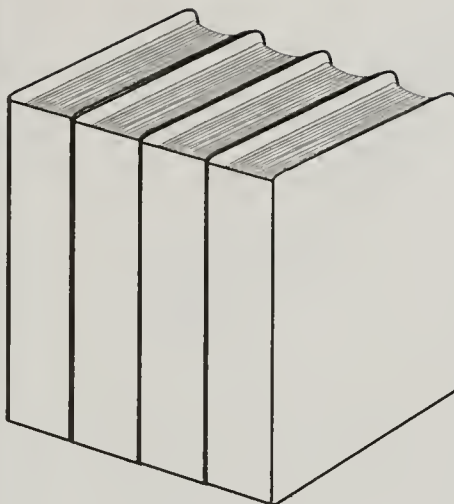
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Statutory Citation:  
Title 5, chapter 14,  
MCA

The Administrative Code Committee consists of four members of the Senate and four members of the House of Representatives appointed, respectively, by the Committee on Committees and the

Speaker of the House.

The Administrative Code Committee's duties include review of all proposed rules, amendments and rule repeals filed with the Secretary of State under the Montana Administrative Procedure Act. The Committee meets on the call of the presiding officer, usually two to three times each interim.

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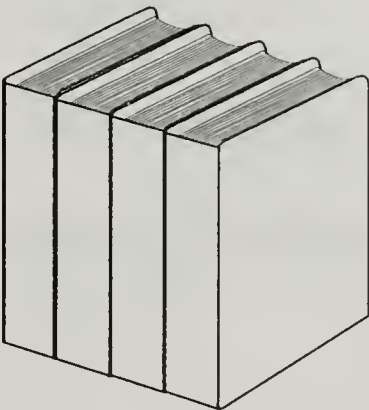




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*Statutory  
Citation: Title  
5, chapter 19,  
MCA*

The four  
Senators and  
four  
Representatives

serving on the Committee on Indian Affairs are appointed by the Committee on Committees and the Speaker of the House, respectively. The Committee usually meets about six times during the interim, depending on and the Committee's activities. Two of the meetings are held on Indian reservations and the others in Helena.

Duties include encouraging the participation of Indian people in Committee meetings, acting as a liaison between Indian people and the Legislature, encouraging tribal-state and tribal-local government cooperation, and improving the understanding between state agencies and the tribes.

For the 1997-98 interim, the Committee has been directed to "organize and direct a statewide effort to develop specific recommendations that will increase economic development, income, and employment, which are beneficial to both tribal and nontribal individuals." The recommendations are to include methods to reduce budgetary expenditures of the Departments of Public Health and Human Services and Corrections as a result of increased income and employment.

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*Statutory Citation: Title 5,  
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The Joint Oversight Committee on Children and Families (JOCCF) is statutorily responsible for examining public and private social programs and services available to Montanans to determine the effectiveness of the programs, identifying any unmet needs, and studying the funding for those programs. The Committee

must also monitor interagency coordination of programs and services for children and families, study issues surrounding teenage parents and their families, monitor welfare reform implementation, and study adult protective services.

Within the general statutory framework, the Committee selects a few specific study topics and oversight areas to focus on each interim. The 1995-96 Committee recommended that the 1997-98 Committee study aging and the elderly. This study topic may be addressed, but numerous other issues for the 1997-98 interim may take priority. These include teen pregnancy, managed care, substance abuse prevention, and child health care.

The Committee meets between six and eight times during an interim, and is composed of four Senators and four Representatives appointed, respectively, by the Committee on Committees and the Speaker of the House. The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Human Services and Aging and the Senate Finance and Claims Subcommittee on Human Services and Aging must be represented among members on the Committee.





# **Joint Oversight Committee on Children and Families (Continued)**

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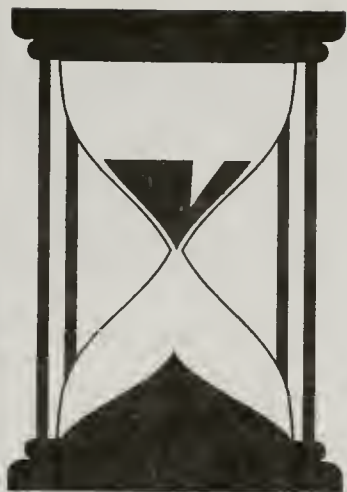
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*Statutory and Session Law  
Citations: Title 5, chapter 21,  
MCA, and Chapter 192, Laws of  
1997*

Changes in the way Montana handles public employee retirement will be the focus of the Committee on Public Employee Retirement Systems' (CPERS) 1997-98 interim. CPERS has been charged with either modifying the Public

Employees' Retirement System or converting the system from a defined benefit retirement plan to a defined contribution plan. The Committee will be involved in designing the modified or new plan and devising an implementation schedule for the changes. Additionally, CPERS continues to have statutory responsibility for reviewing retirement proposals under consideration for introduction during the 1999 Legislature.

The Speaker of the House and the Committee on Committees, respectively, appoint the four Representatives and four Senators to CPERS. Membership of the panel is designed in statute to include legislators who serve on the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Claims standing Committees, and the Senate and House State Administration standing Committees.

CPERS will likely meet six to eight times during the 1997-98 interim.

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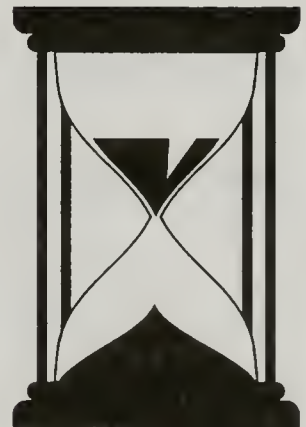
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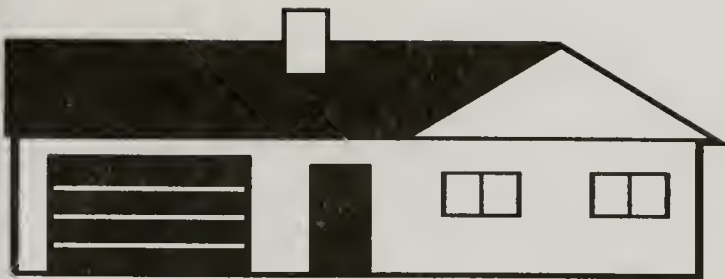
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*Session Law Citation: Chapter 463, Laws of 1997*

Passage of Senate Bill 195 not only revamped Montana's property taxation plan, but it also commissioned the Interim Property Tax Committee to examine all aspects of the state property tax system during the interim. The Speaker of the House appoints six Representatives to the panel and the Senate Committee on Committees names six Senators.

The Committee will meet 10 to 20 times during the interim to prepare a menu of alternatives to revise, reform, or replace the property tax system. In addition to the meetings, Committee members will be encouraged to pursue proposals independently with the assistance of Legislative Branch staff.

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*Session Law*

*Citation: Chapter  
14, Laws of 1997*

House Bill 19,  
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Legislature and  
signed by the  
Governor, renewed  
the Joint Interim

Subcommittee on Veterans' Needs. Four Senators,  
appointed by the Committee on Committees, and four  
Representatives, named by the Speaker of the House, serve  
on the Committee.

The Committee is statutorily charged with providing a  
forum for the study of issues related to veterans' needs,  
reviewing the services provided to veterans across the state,  
and studying the effects of federal changes and reform  
efforts. The Committee must report its findings and  
conclusions to the 56th Legislature, and is likely to meet  
three times during the 1997-1999 interim.

Areas the Committee may focus on include studying the  
population served by the Montana Veterans' Home in  
Columbia Falls and reviewing the facility's mission, the  
facility's ability to meet the needs of its patients, and its  
payment policies. The Committee may also review current  
veterans' burial statutes and recommend legislative action.

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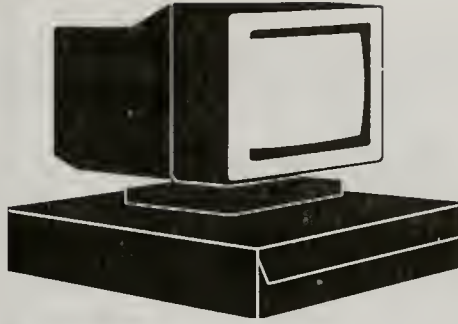
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*Session Law Citation:  
Chapter 391, Laws of  
1997*

Adoption of House  
Bill 89 recommissions,  
through 2003, the  
Joint Oversight

Committee on State Management Systems, a committee that began with the passage of Senate Joint Resolution 23 during the 1995 Legislative Session.

The Committee is charged with oversight and review of the laws governing state personnel, finance, and asset management, particularly as they relate to information technology. The Committee may evaluate and review the automation, improvement, and ultimate integration of the state's information systems.

This integration process has begun with the implementation of the Department of Administration's Project to Reengineer the Revenue and Information Management Environment (MT PRRIME). The first phase of MT PRRIME has been completed with the publication of Deloitte and Touche Consulting Group's report identifying and assessing alternatives and recommending strategic directions and an implementation plan.

The 1997 Legislature approved House Bill 188, authorizing the state to sell general obligation bonds to finance information technology projects, including MT PRRIME.

Numerous committees and task forces have been organized by the Department of Administration to work on MT PRRIME. The Committee on State Management Systems will likely attend many of those meetings and request updates from key staff involved in MT PRRIME, evaluating



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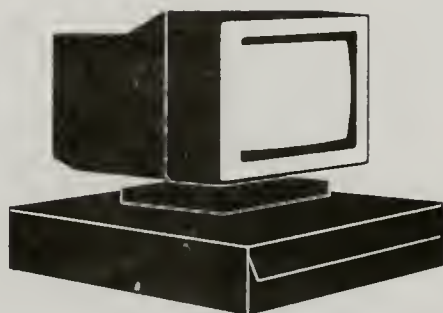
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whether legislative action is needed to facilitate the state management system integration.

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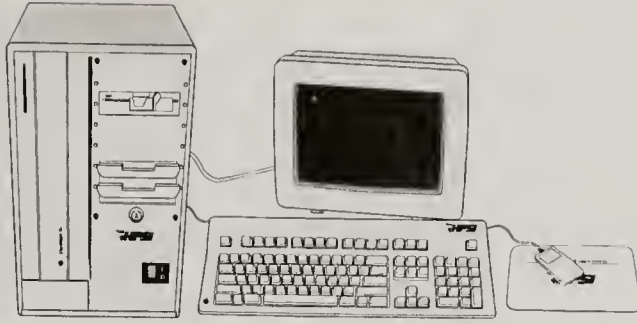
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*Statutory Citation: Sections 5-11-402 through 5-11-405,  
MCA*

Legislative participation in the Computer System Planning Council is not required by statute, but the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate may, at their discretion, assign legislators to serve.

The Council is responsible for reviewing and maintaining the Legislative Branch computer system plan, investigating new applications, designing methods for automation, developing system standards and identifying the needs of the Branch's computer system, and coordinating new applications with the statutory goals of the Legislative Branch.

The executive director of the Legislative Services Division serves as chair of the Council.

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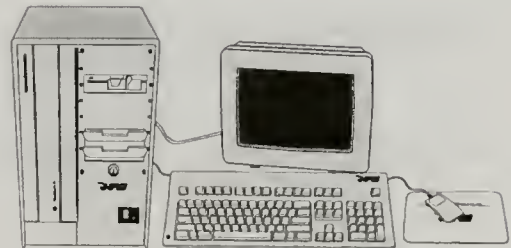
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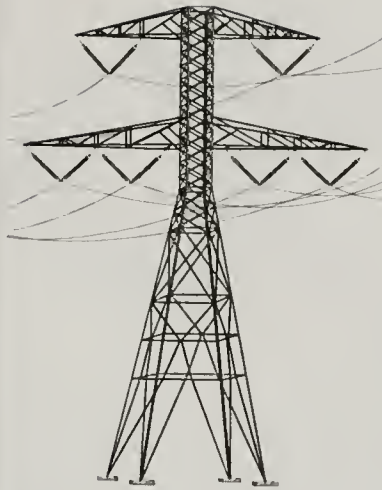
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*Session Law Citation:  
Chapter 505, Laws of 1997*

Senate Bill 390, deregulating Montana's electric utility industry, established a Transition Advisory Committee (TAC) composed of eight legislative members. The Speaker appoints four Representatives and the President of the Senate appoints four Senators to

serve on the Committee. The legislators are the only voting members of the 18-member Committee. The other members, appointed by the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, the Legislative Consumer Committee, the Public Service Commission, the Montana Electrical Cooperatives Association, and the Governor, serve as nonvoting participants.

The TAC is required to meet at least quarterly, but will likely meet about 20 times during the interim to analyze the transition to effective competition in the competitive electricity supply market. The Committee must provide to the Governor and legislative leadership an annual report on the status of restructuring, and submit to the members of the Legislature quarterly interim summary reports.

The TAC is scheduled to dissolve on either the date that full transition to retail competition is completed or on December 31, 2004, whichever is earlier.

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*Statutory  
Citation: HJR  
19, 1997  
Legislature*

The  
Correctional  
Standards and  
Oversight  
Committee is

financed through an appropriation in House Bill 2 and formed by passage and approval of House Joint Resolution 19 (HJR 19) in 1997. HJR 19 calls only for an interim study of correctional standards, but the Committee has also been designated by the Legislative Council as an oversight committee in response to the identification of corrections as an issue of statewide importance.

General correctional oversight and study issues include correctional standards, juvenile corrections, and adult corrections. A fourth major area of possible study involves alternatives to ease the increasing correctional and prison populations. This area of study may require exploration of sentencing and parole activities.

Involved in the study of adult and juvenile corrections will be capital projects and long-range building, information management, private programs, and Department of Corrections programs. Study of juvenile corrections may include oversight of the Department of Corrections' youth court and placement budget.

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# **Correctional Standards and Oversight Committee (Continued)**

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# Gambling Study Commission

## Membership

\*\* No appointments have been made as of June 26, 1997



*Session Law  
Citation: Chapter  
494, Laws of 1997*

House Bill No.  
615 establishes an  
interim  
commission to  
oversee, publicize,  
and report on an

objective study of the socioeconomic impacts of gambling in Montana. The commission consists of five members appointed by the Governor, including one each from the University of Montana and Montana State University, a mental health professional, a business owner with no financial interest in a gambling enterprise, and a person with a doctorate in a social science that is pertinent to socioeconomic analysis.

The Commission will receive staff support from the Legislative Services Division. The main tasks of the Commission and staff are to issue a request for proposals, select a qualified contractor to conduct the study, receive and evaluate progress reports from the contractor during several meetings over a 12-month period, and publish a final report. While no legislator will serve on the commission, the bill requires that a report documenting the study results be submitted to the Legislature on or before September 1, 1998. The report may include draft legislation. The commission is also required to present its findings to the public before October 1, 1998.

HB 615 provides a \$100,000 appropriation from state lottery funds to support the commission's work and to pay for the study.

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**Other Interim Committees on  
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*Statutory Citation:  
Section 2-15-2021,  
MCA*

The Speaker of the House and the Senate Committee on Committees each select one person from their respective houses to serve on the 9-member Gaming

Advisory Council. The remaining members are appointed by the Attorney General. The Council is charged with advising the Department of Justice on changes to gaming statutes, the need for additional or modified Department rules, and other gambling-related issues. The Council must submit a biennial report to the Department that includes the Council's findings and recommendations.

Although some of the issues may overlap, the Council is separate from the Interim Gambling Study Commission, established by House Bill 615 during the 1997 Legislature.

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## **Gaming Advisory Council (Continued)**

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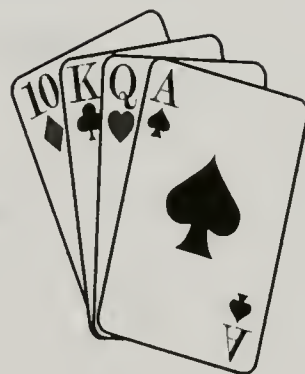
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*Constitutional and  
Statutory Citation: Article  
XII, section 2, Montana  
Constitution; Title 5,  
chapter 15, MCA*

The Legislative Consumer  
Committee appoints the  
Consumer Counsel, a  
position required by the

Montana Constitution. The Consumer Counsel represents  
Montana public utility and transportation consumers before  
the Public Service Commission, state and federal courts,  
and administrative agencies in matters concerning public  
utility regulation.

The Committee is required to meet at least quarterly, and  
generally convenes eight to 10 times per year. Meetings  
involve approval of Consumer Counsel staff activities,  
review and status updates of current cases, and review of  
contracts with expert witnesses. Two Senators and two  
Representatives, appointed by the Committee on  
Committees and the Speaker of the House, respectively,  
serve on the panel.

Restructuring of the electric and natural gas utility  
industries, made possible by the passage of Senate Bills 390  
and 396, will be an issue of particular interest to the  
Committee, especially as rates are affected, and members  
will be monitoring the progress of the deregulation.

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## Future Fisheries Review Panel

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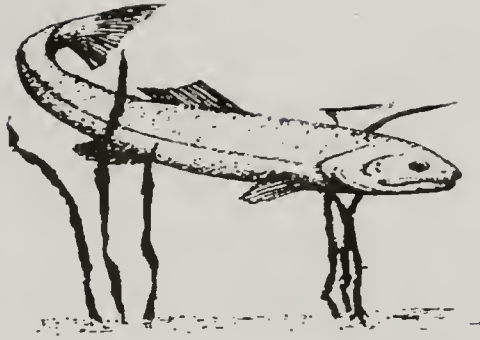
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*Statutory Citation: Section 87-1-273, MCA*

The Future Fisheries Review Panel is responsible for assisting the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks in reviewing projects submitted by public or private entities for funding, and determining which projects are appropriate for inclusion in the future fisheries improvement program.

The Speaker of the House and the Senate Committee on Committees each choose one member to serve on the Panel. Eight other members, representing agricultural and recreational interests, are appointed by the Governor. The Panel is required to meet at least once every six months.

Some of the Governor's appointees to the Review Panel are likely to change during the 1997-98 interim. Listed is the membership as of June 1997.

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## **Future Fisheries Review Panel (Continued)**

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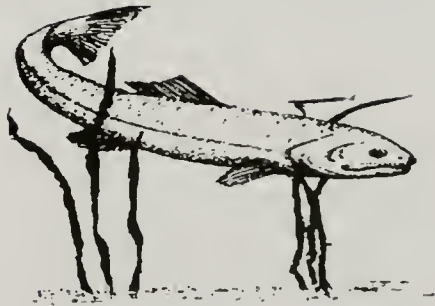
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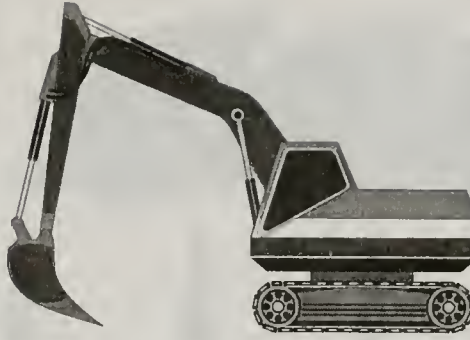
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*Session Law  
Citation: Chapter  
354, Laws of 1993*

The Legislative  
Oversight Committee  
on Montana-ARCO  
litigation is made up

of two Senators and two Representatives, appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively.

This Committee is required to meet quarterly to be briefed on the progress of the litigation and negotiations between the State of Montana and Atlantic-Richfield Corporation regarding natural resource damage in the Clark Fork River Basin. The Committee is also required to consider plans for the appropriate use of any money received by the state as a result of the litigation.

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*Session Law Citation: Chapter 225, Laws of 1997*

Senate Bill 21, passed by the 55th Legislature and signed by the Governor, extended for eight years the Joint Oversight Committee on Postsecondary Education Policy and Budget.

The Committee consists of eight legislative members, four from each house, appointed by the Speaker of the House and the Committee on Committees.

The Committee will likely meet eight times during the interim. General responsibilities include serving as a liason between the Legislative and Executive Branches and the Montana Board of Regents. The Committee is mandated by law to provide budget and planning information to the Board of Regents, review and assess the effectiveness of the university system in meeting goals and long-range plans, and study university system funding and accounting of revenues and expenditures.

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# **Joint Committee on Postsecondary Education Policy and Budget (Continued)**

## *Membership*

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# **Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission**

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*Statutory Citation: Section 2-15-212, MCA*

The Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission adjudicates existing water rights under Montana water use statutes and negotiates water rights with the federal government and Montana's Indian tribes. In negotiations, the Commission acts on behalf of the Governor.

The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate each select two members from their respective bodies who join five other members appointed by the Governor and the Attorney General.

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# **Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission**

**(Continued)**

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## **Legislative Consulting Panel to the Microbusiness Advisory Council**

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*Statutory  
Citation:  
Section 17-6-  
411, MCA*

The 13  
members of the  
Microbusiness  
Advisory  
Council advise

the Department of Commerce regarding the operation and maintenance of the Microbusiness Development and Finance Program.

The program is responsible for oversight of microbusiness development corporations, which are defined as nonprofit corporations organized and existing under the laws of the state to provide training, technical assistance, and access to capital for the startup or expansion of qualified microbusinesses. A qualified microbusiness is one that produces goods or provides services and has fewer than 10 full-time equivalent employees and annual gross revenues of less than \$500,000.

Two Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, and two Senators named by the Committee on Committees serve as nonvoting participants in the Advisory Council, joining the nine members appointed by the Governor.

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### *Membership - Governor's Appointments*

**\*\*No Governor's  
appointments as of June 18,  
1997**



*Session Law Citation:  
Chapter 517, Laws of  
1997*

House Bill 298, passed by the 1997 Legislature and signed by the Governor, extends to 2001 the termination date of the Health Care Advisory Council. Two Senators and two Representatives,

appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, join on the Council six members appointed by the Governor.

The Council studies and reviews problems in the health care arena and investigates ways to reduce costs in services and health care delivery systems, while promoting access and affordability.

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# Department of Transportation Funding Study Committee

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*Session Law  
Citation:  
Chapter 493,  
Laws of 1997*

As a result of  
the 55th  
Legislature's

passage of House Bill 610, four Senators and four Representatives, chosen by the Committee on Committees and the Speaker of the House, respectively, will examine expenditures and sources of funds in the Department of Transportation's Highways State Special Revenue Account, paying particular attention to federal funding and income from various sources. The Committee will also study the state's transportation infrastructure use and needs, as well as determine the most cost-effective way to use Highways State Special Revenue Fund dollars.

The Committee will probably meet six to eight times during the interim and is required to present a report of its findings to the Legislative Finance Committee and the 56th Legislature.

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# **Department of Transportation Funding Study Committee (Continued)**

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## Telecommunications Committee

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*Session Law Citation: Chapter 349, Laws of 1997*

Senate Bill 89 (1997) is a general revision of laws relating to the regulation of telecommunications services in response to the 1996 Federal Telecommunications Act. A section of Senate Bill 89 establishes the Telecommunications Committee.

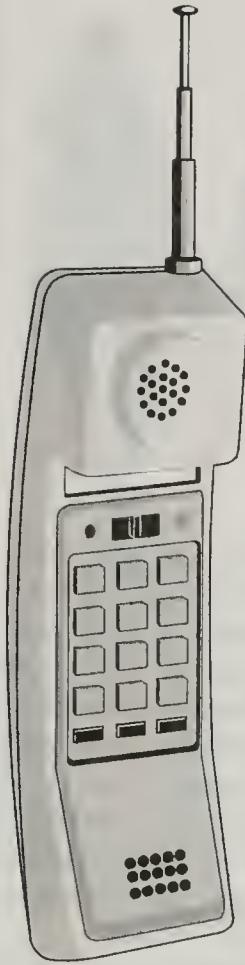
The Committee consists of two members of the Senate appointed by the Committee on Committees and two members of the House, appointed by the Speaker of the House. The legislative members are joined by a representative of the Public Service Commission, appointed by the Commission.

The Committee is statutorily assigned to monitor federal implementation of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and recommend to the 56th

Legislature policies, practices, and statutory changes that are required to implement or conform to the federal implementation.

In addition to its statutory responsibilities, the Committee has been requested by the Legislative Council to assist in studying telemarketing fraud during the 1997-98 interim.

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# Montana Heritage Preservation and Development Commission

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*Session Law Citation:  
Chapter 469, Laws of  
1997*

In addition to providing for numerous long-range building projects, House Bill 5 (1997) made possible the state's purchase and administration of Virginia and Nevada Cities and other

historically significant state properties. To this end, House Bill 5 established the Heritage Preservation and Development Commission. The Commission is composed of one Senator, one member of the House of Representatives, and seven members of the public with backgrounds in tourism, history and historic preservation, community planning, and business. Directors of the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks and the Historical Society, as well as the Governor's Economic Development Policy Advisor, also serve on the Commission.

Although the Commission is charged with overseeing the acquisition of culturally and historically significant properties throughout the state, its first order of business is to manage the purchase and administration of Virginia City and Nevada City.



## **Montana Heritage Preservation and Development Commission (Continued)**

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# **Montana Heritage Preservation and Development Commission (Continued)**

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# **Interstate Cooperation Organizations**



## **The Council of State Governments (CSG)**



*Statutory Citation: Title 5,  
chapter 11, part 3, MCA*

Section 5-11-301, MCA,  
designates the Legislative  
Council as the Montana

Commission on Interstate and International Cooperation and, as such, as a member of the Council of State Governments (CSG), an organization of all the states and territories of the United States. The primary mission of CSG is to promote and strengthen state government in the federal system by providing staff services to organizations of state officials. Montana is a member of the Western Legislative Conference of CSG, which represents the governing bodies of 13 western states. The purpose of the Conference is to foster and encourage intergovernmental cooperation in the West through joint consideration of common problems. The basic work of the Conference is accomplished through study committees.

The 55th Legislature, following the actions of the 1991, 1993, and 1995 Legislatures, did not appropriate any funding for Montana's active participation in CSG during the next biennium.

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# National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)



*Statutory Citation: Section 5-11-301, MCA*

The purpose of NCSL is to improve the quality and effectiveness of state legislatures, to ensure the states a strong voice in federal decisionmaking, and to foster interstate communication and cooperation.

Section 5-11-301, MCA, states that it is a function of the Legislative Council to “carry forward the participation of the state of Montana as a member of the Council of State Governments and the National Conference of State Legislatures” within the limits of appropriations.

The Legislative Council appoints legislators to two-year terms as delegates and alternates to NCSL committees. While the 1997 Legislature elected to appropriate no funds for participation in the Council of State Governments, an appropriation in House Bill 2 pays the dues for Montana’s membership in NCSL for the current biennium. The appropriation does not, however, provide funds for legislator or staff participation in NCSL meetings or seminars. Currently, Montana is represented on the Energy Committee by Representative Joe Quilici, who participates through the Legislative Consumer Committee. The NCSL committees are as follows.

## ***Committees of the Assembly on State Issues (ASI) 1997-1998***

### Arts & Tourism

This committee’s priorities include public funding for the arts and tourism, tourism promotion and development, and historic preservation incentives.

### Children, Families & Health

The Children, Families & Health Committee will focus on welfare reform, long-term care, substance abuse, and school-based health.





# National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) (Continued)

## *Committees of the Assembly on State Issues (ASI) 1997-1998*

### Communication and Information Policy

Study topics will be telecommunication, information technology and policy, and information privacy.

### Criminal Justice

Topics include prison construction and correctional operating costs, prison health issues, and juvenile justice reform.

### Education

Listed priorities include major school code revision, alternative school delivery mechanisms, affordability and access in higher education, professional standards, and technology.

### Fiscal, Oversight & Intergovernmental Affairs

Study topics are block grants, corrections costs, and public employee health costs.

### Legislative Effectiveness

This committee will focus on member and staff education and orientation to the legislative institution, public image and understanding of the legislature, and state/local relationships.

### Science, Energy & Environmental Resources

Electric utility restructuring, air quality, and safe drinking water are priorities for this committee.





# National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) (Continued)

## *Committees of the Assembly on State Issues (ASI) 1997-1998*

### Reapportionment Task Force

This committee plans to stay current on redistricting litigation, consider proposed changes to census race and ethnicity categories, and monitor plans to change census methodology to incorporate sampling.

## *Committees of the Assembly on Federal Issues (AFI)*

### Agriculture & International Trade

The Agriculture and International Trade committee will study NAFTA and GATT, as well as export promotion, the Farm Bill, and rural development.

### Commerce and Communications

Insurance, banking, telecommunications, housing, and community development are within the Commerce and Communications committee's areas of study.

### Education, Labor, and Job Training

Topics include federal education programs, workforce training, and wage and hour laws.

### Energy and Transportation

Surface, air, and water transportation and energy resources will be topics of study.





# National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) (Continued)

## *Committees of the Assembly on Federal Issues (AFI)*

### Environment

Air and water quality and hazardous, radioactive, and solid waste lie within the Environment committee's purview.

### Federal Budget and Taxation

This committee's priorities include a balanced budget amendment and federal tax reform, as well as issues surrounding pensions.

### Health

Subjects of concern to the Health committee include Medicare and Medicaid reform, health insurance, and long term care.

### Human Services

The committee on Human Services will address income security and welfare, child welfare reform, immigration, food and nutrition, and child care and child support.

### Law & Justice

Criminal justice, the Tenth Amendment Enforcement Act, voting and civil rights, and supreme court cases are among the areas of concern to the Law & Justice committee.





## Pacific Northwest Economic Region

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**\*\*No appointments have been made by the House and Senate Minority Leaders as of June 18, 1997.**



## Pacific NorthWest Economic Region

*A Public / Private Partnership Making the Pacific NorthWest Globally Competitive*

*Statutory Citation: Title 5, chapter 11, part 7, MCA*

Legislative membership in the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) consists of one Senator appointed by the President of the Senate, one Senator appointed by the Senate Minority Leader, one Representative appointed by the Speaker of the House, and one Representative appointed by the House Minority Leader.

Under the terms of House Bill 508 of the 52nd Montana Legislature, Montana joined the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, and the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia in the Pacific Northwest Economic Region. The organization is intended to allow the states and provinces to act together to increase the potential for strengthening the region's world-trade posture, while enhancing the environment and quality of life.

The 1997 Legislature did not appropriate any funds for Montana's membership dues or attendance at PNWER meetings, although the possibility exists of transferring funds to support PNWER activities. One member from each house has been appointed to PNWER by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.











